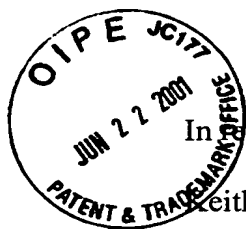


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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

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Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed on February 22, 2001 (Paper No. 19), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly replace claims 1, 5 and 9-13 as follows:

B1 1. (Twice Amended) An isolated nucleic acid encoding an *E. cloacae* polypeptide wherein the nucleic acid comprises SEQ ID NO: 1394, and wherein SEQ ID NO: 1394 is not immediately contiguous with both of the coding sequences with which it is immediately contiguous in the naturally-occurring *E. cloacae* genome.

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